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January 9, 2003

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Sent:

Tuesday, January 14, 2003 4:23 PM

To:

Blaine, Robert

Subject:

RE: FW: LRB Draft: 03-0207/3 Nursing facilities occupied bed assessment changes

I think that what Anne says is correct—it's not vital, but would speed up the process. At present, the rules exempt state—owned or —operated facilities and Medicare beds and give the basis of the assessment as the "average number of occupied, licensed beds of the facility for the calendar month previous to the month of assessment", etc. Actually, under s. 50.14 (5) (b), they were required to "establish procedures and requirements for levying the assessment," but obviously they go beyond that

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From: Blaine, Robert

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2003 3:46 PM

To: Kennedy, Debora

Subject: RE: FW: LRB Draft: 03-0207/3 Nursing facilities occupied bed

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what do you think about this . . . is it necessary?

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From: Miller, Anne

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2003 3:42 PM

To: Blaine, Robert

Cc: Kennedy, Debora; Lund, C. David; Updike, Lyle; Gebhart, Neil; Megna,

Richard

Subject: Re: FW: LRB Draft: 03-0207/3 Nursing facilities occupied bed

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Hi Robert!

Yes, this draft is near final, but, of course, one additional issue has come up (I know you're tired of hearing that; sorry this has come up so late).

The nursing home bed assessment is governed by both statute and administrative rule. As you know the rule making process is time consuming and would further delay the collection of the assessment by many months.

To realize the greatest possible increase in revenue from this change, we suggest the attached modification to the stat language. This modification will allow the Department to amend its existing bed tax rules to comport with the statutory changes via the emergency rule-making procedure.

This is not a required modification, only one that allows rules to be promulgated more quickly to realize more revenue. Other than this (not required) change, the draft is fine.

I hope this information helps. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

- Anne

>>> Blaine, Robert 01/09/03 10:08AM >>> My guess is that this should be near final. I think Debora's note would be true with just about any budget proposal, so it doesn't particularly concern me. Please let me know by mid next week if you think there's a chance we might still need another redraft.

Thanks

Robert

----Original Message----

From: Greenslet, Patty Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 9:23 AM

To: Blaine, Robert

Cc: Johnston, James; Schaeffer, Carole; Hanaman, Cathlene; Haugen, Caroline Subject: LRB Draft: 03-0207/3 Nursing facilities occupied bed assessment

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Following is the PDF version of draft 03-0207/3.

SECTION 9123 ()

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From:

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Sent:

Friday, January 17, 2003 2:57 PM

To:

Kennedy, Debora Kahler, Pam

Cc: Subject:

Drafting -- head's up!

OK (deep breath for Rob) -- it's not as bad as I had feared --- here are the items I'll be sending over soon:

New Items (these will come over formally, but you might not see them until Sun / Mon -- depending on if they're making runs).

- 1) MA -- personal needs allowance for nursing home residents. Reduce the allowance from \$45 / month to \$30 / month.
- s. 49.45 (7)(a)
- 2) Family Care Expansion to Kenosha (see attached language request).



3) Elimnate the County Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB).

In addition to this, the following drafts need to be modified.

Items to be Modified

Draft# (no draft recieved -- SENIORCARE):

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- Increase the enrollment fee as follows: \$25 for persons with incomes < 200% FPL. \$30 for those with incomes above 200% FPL.

Draft# (no draft yet received -- MA & BC cost-sharing): reduce the emergency room copayment to \$10 (previously specified as \$40).

Draft#: 1253 Revise to original 1253/1, repealing 49.45 (6x) (thus, we'll eliminate both the EACH and rural adjustments).

Draft# 0207: increase the assessment charged from \$32 per licensed bed to \$115 per bed

IGT / Revenue Maximization

I sent you an e-mail on Dec. 19 with some instructions. I think you can just scrap this since most of it is now irrelevant (esp. a portion that dealt with a grant to Marquette dental school).

We have been working on four discrete projects under the heading of "revenue maximization." Before I had thought that we could just do them all as one draft, using the IGT draft as a starting point, but it may make more sense to do them separately. What I will do is this. I will put together a plain language description of the projects and send them to you, if not by the end of today, by Sunday. It may be helpful if we met Sunday afternoon or Monday to talk about them (I'd be happy to come to your office for a change!). The broad ideas are as follows:

- 1) Home & Community Based Waivers IGT: do an IGT with counties for waiver services, where the upper limit is a % of the maximum specified in the CIP 1A/1B waiver.
- 2) County Based Services IGT: do an IGT with counties for other county provided services such as mental health services, AODA.
- 3) Municipality-based Services: reallocate some state GPR (shared revenue) to the MA program, and make enhanced payments for health services (e.g., EMS) provided by cities).
- 4) School-based Services: same as the municipal projects, but targeted to school districts for special education services.

Most of the language for these projects (I think) is related to compelling these entities to work with us on these projects, reworking the MA trust fund to park the money, and creating appropriations to budget the money.



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50.14 (4) Sections 77.59 (1) to (5), (6) (intro.), (a) and (c) and (7) to (10), 77.60 (1) to (7), (9) and (10), 77.61 (9) and (12) to (14) and 77.62, as they apply to the taxes under subch. III of ch. 77, apply to the assessment under this section, except that the amount of any assessment collected under s. 77.59 (7) in excess of \$14,300,000 in fiscal year 2003–04, in excess of \$13,800,000 in fiscal year 2004–05, and, beginning July 1, 2005, in excess of 45% in each fiscal year shall be deposited in the Medical Assistance trust fund.

Section 9124. Nonstatutory provisions; health and family services.

- (1) Assessment of facility licensed beds; revised rules. (a) The department of health and family services shall submit in proposed form a revision of rules required under section 50.14 (5) (b) of the statutes to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 4th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph.
- (b) Using the procedure under section 227.24 of the statutes, the department of health and family services may promulgate as emergency rules a revision of rules required under section 50.14 (5) (b) of the statutes for the period before the effective date of the revised rules submitted under paragraph (a), but not to exceed the period authorized under section 227.24 (1) (c) and (2) of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3) of the statutes, the department of health and family services is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under

this paragraph as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public
peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency
for a rule promulgated under this paragraph.

SECTION 9324. Initial applicability; health and family services.

(1) ASSESSMENT OF FACILITY LICENSED BEDS. The treatment of sections 25.77 (3) and 50.14 (title), (1) (a), (3), and (4) of the statutes, the renumbering and amendment of section 50.14 (2) of the statutes, and the creation of section 50.14 (2) (b) of the statutes first apply to assessments that are due on the first day of the 2nd full calendar month after the effective date of this subsection.

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Kennedy, Debora

From:

Blaine, Robert

Sent:

Monday, January 27, 2003 4:59 PM

To:

Kennedy, Debora

Subject:

NH / ICF-MR Bed Assessment

Hi Debora --

I mentioned last week that the assessment levels for the nursing home and ICF-MR assessments were still in flux. I just received final numbers.

Nursing home assessment: \$116 per month in both years ICF-MR: \$435 per month in FY 04 and \$445 per month in FY 05

One complexity -- federal law prohibits the state from levying a provider assessment greater than 6% of gross revenues (othewise, some restrictions kick in). The assessment figures above were calculated using a set of assumptions so as to not exceed the 6% limit for ICF-MRs, but there is some concern that given the changing nature of the long-term care industry (closures, etc.), that the above figures could be too high (i.e., they might exceed the 6% limit).

Would it be possible to add 'safety valve' language to accompany the ICF-MR assessment amounts in statute. 'Safety valve' language, such as "not to exceed \$435 in FY04 and \$445 in FY05", would give the Department flexibility to change the assessment amount through rule if it looked like it would violate the 6% limit. If it's too late, I understand.

Thanks, Robert

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FOR 2003-05 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: assessments on occupied, licensed beds of nursing facilities, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH

Under current law, DHFS levies, enforces, and collects assessments on all occupied, licensed beds of nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (facilities) that are not state-owned or state-operated or federally owned or federally operated, except occupied, licensed beds for which payment is made under the federal Medicare program. The assessments are \$32 per calendar month per bed of a nursing home and \$100 per calendar month per bed of an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (facility). Each assessment is on the average number of occupied, licensed beds of a nursing home or facility for the calendar month before the month of assessment, based on an average daily midnight census that is computed and reported by the nursing home or facility and verified by DHFS. At the end of each month, each nursing home and facility must submit to DHFS the occupied, licensed bed count and the assessment amount due.

This bill expands the assessments on occupied, licensed beds of nursing homes and facilities to apply the assessments to all licensed beds, including beds occupied 2003 - 2004 Legislature -2in fixed year 2003-04 and to up to \$ 445 per month in fixed year 2004-05

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by residents whose costs are paid under the federal Medicare program, regardless of whether the nursing home or facility is privately owned or is owned or operated by the state or the federal government. Under the bill, the amount of the assessment per licensed bed of a nursing home is increased to per calendar month and the amount of the assessment per licensed bed of a facility is increased to per calendar month. Of the amounts received from the assessment, \$14,300,000 in fiscal year 2003–04, \$13,800,000 in fiscal year 2004–05, and beginning July 1, 2005, 45% in each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund, and the remainder must be deposited in the Medical Assistance trust fund. Under the bill, DHFS is authorized to promulgate as emergency rules a revision to existing rules that establish procedures and requirements for levying the assessment.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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 SECTION 2. 50.14 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
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(a) If the amount of the beds is other than a whole number, the fractional part of the amount shall be disregarded unless it equals 50% or more of a whole number, in which case the amount shall be increased to the next whole number.

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